This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

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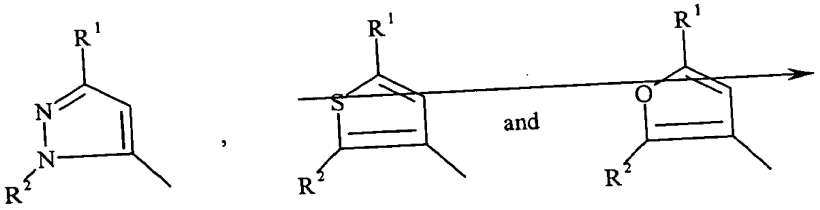
1. (Amended) A compound of formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof

A-NH-C-NH-B I

wherein A is ~~a heteroaryl selected from the group consisting of~~



wherein R^1 is ~~selected from the group consisting of~~ C_3-C_{10} alkyl, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, up to per-halosubstituted C_1-C_{10} alkyl ~~and~~ or up to per-halosubstituted C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl;

B is an up to tricyclic, aryl or heteroaryl moiety of up to 30 carbon atoms with at least one 5- or 6-member aromatic structure containing 0-4 members of the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur, substituted by ~~-Y-Ar~~ -M-L^1 and optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, up to per-halosubstitution, and X_n,

wherein n is 0-2 and each X is independently selected from the group consisting of –CN, $-CO_2R^5$, $-C(O)NR^5R^{5'}$, $-C(O)R^5$, $-NO_2$, $-OR^5$, $-SR^5$, $-NR^5R^{5'}$, $-NR^5C(O)OR^{5'}$, $-NR^5C(O)R^{5'}$, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_2-C_{10} alkenyl, C_1-C_{10} alkoxy, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, C_6-C_{14} aryl, C_7-C_{24} alkaryl, C_3-C_{13} heteroaryl, C_4-C_{23} alkheteroaryl, substituted C_1-C_{10} alkyl, substituted C_2-C_{10} alkenyl, substituted C_1-C_{10} alkoxyl, substituted C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl , up to per-halosubstituted C_6-C_{14} aryl, up to per-

halosubstituted C_3-C_{13} heteroaryl, ~~and~~ substituted C_4-C_{23} alkheteroaryl ~~Ar~~ and –M-L^1;

where X is a substituted group, it is substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of –CN, -CO_2R^5, -C(O)R^5, -C(O)$NR^5R^{5'}$, -OR^5, -SR^5, -$NR^5R^{5'}$, -NO_2, -$NR^5C(O)R^{5'}$, -$NR^5C(O)OR^{5'}$ and halogen up to per-halosubstitution;

wherein R^5 and $R^{5'}$ are independently selected from H, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_2-C_{10} alkenyl, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, C_6-C_{14} aryl, C_3-C_{13} heteroaryl, C_7-C_{24} alkaryl, C_4-C_{23} alkheteroaryl, up to per-halosubstituted C_1-C_{10} alkyl, up to perhalosubstituted C_2-C_{10} alkenyl, up to per-halosubstituted C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, up to per-halosubstituted C_6-C_{14} aryl and up to per-halosubstituted C_3-C_{13} heteroaryl,

wherein ~~Y~~ M is -O-, -S-, -N(R^5)-, -$(CH_2)_m$-, -C(O)-, -CH(OH)-, -$(CH_2)_m$O-, -$NR^5C(O)NR^5R^{5'}$-, -$NR^5C(O)$-, -C(O)NR^5-, -$O(CH_2)_m$-, -$(CH_2)_m$S-, -$(CH_2)_m$N(R^5)-, -$O(CH_2)_m$-, -CHX^a-, -CX^a_2-, -S-$(CH_2)_m$- ~~and~~ or -N(R^5)$(CH_2)_m$-,

m = 1-3, and X^a is halogen; and

~~Ar~~ L^1 is a 5-10 member aromatic structure containing 0-2 members of the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted by halogen up to per-halosubstitution and optionally substituted by Z_{n1}, wherein n1 is 0 to 3 and each Z is independently ~~selected from the group consisting of~~ –CN, -CO_2R^5, -C(O)$NR^5R^{5'}$, -C(O)NR^5, -NO_2, -OR^5, -SR^5, -$NR^5R^{5'}$, -$NR^5C(O)OR^{5'}$, -C(O)R^5, $NR^5C(O)R^{5'}$, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, C_6-C_{14} aryl, C_3-C_{13} heteroaryl, C_7-C_{24} alkaryl, C_4-C_{23} alkheteroaryl, substituted C_1-C_{10} alkyl, substituted C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, substituted C_7-C_{24} alkaryl ~~and~~ or substituted C_4-C_{23} alkheteroaryl;

wherein if Z is a substituted group, it is substituted by the one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of –CN, -CO_2R^5, -C(O)$NR^5R^{5'}$, -OR^5, -SR^5, -NO_2, -$NR^5R^{5'}$, -$NR^5C(O)R^{5'}$ and -$NR^5C(O)OR^{5'}$, and

wherein R^2 is C_6-C_{14} aryl, C_3-C_{14} heteroaryl, substituted C_6-C_{14} aryl or substituted C_3-C_{14} heteroaryl,

wherein if R^2 is a substituted group, it is substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, up to per-halosubstitution, and V_n,

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wherein n = 0-3 and each V is independently selected from the group consisting of -CN, -CO_2R^5, -$C(O)NR^5R^{5'}$, -OR^5, -SR^5, -$NR^5R^{5'}$, -$C(O)R^5$, -$OC(O)NR^5R^{5'}$, -$NR^5C(O)OR^{5'}$, -SO_2R^5, -SOR^5, -$NR^5C(O)R^{5'}$, -NO_2, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, C_6-C_{14} aryl, C_3-C_{13} heteroaryl, C_7-C_{24} alkaryl, C_4-C_{24} alkheteroaryl, substituted C_1-C_{10} alkyl, substituted C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, substituted C_6-C_{14} aryl, substituted C_3-C_{13} heteroaryl, substituted C_7-C_{24} alkaryl and substituted C_4-C_{24} alkheteroaryl,

where if V is a substituted group, it is substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, up to per-halosubstitution, -CN, -CO_2R^5, -$C(O)R^5$, -$C(O)NR^5R^5$, -$NR^5R^{5'}$, -OR^5, -SR^5, -$NR^5C(O)R^{5'}$, -$NR^5C(O)OR^{5'}$ and -NO_2;

wherein R^5 and $R^{5'}$ are each independently as defined above.

2. (Original) A compound of claim 1, wherein R^2 is substituted or unsubstituted phenyl or pyridinyl, and the substituents for R^2 are selected from the group consisting of halogen, up to per-halosubstitution and V_n, wherein n = 0-3, and each V is independently selected from the group consisting of substituted and unsubstituted C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, C_6-C_{10} aryl, -NO_2, -NH_2, -$C(O)$-C_{1-6} alkyl, -$C(O)N$-(C_{1-6} alkyl)$_2$, -$C(O)NH$-C_{1-6} alkyl, -O-C_{1-6} alkyl, -$NHC(O)H$, -$NHC(O)OH$, -$N(C_{1-6}$ alkyl$)C(O)$-C_{1-6} alkyl, -N-(C_{1-6} alkyl$)C(O)$-C_{1-6} alkyl, -$NHC(O)$-C_{1-6} alkyl, -$NHC(O)O$-C_{1-6} alkyl, -$S(O)$-C_{1-6} alkyl and -SO_2-C_{1-6} alkyl,

wherein if V is a substituted group, it is substituted by one or more halogen, up to per-halosubstitution.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Amended) A compound of claim 1, wherein

~~Y~~ M is selected from the group consisting of –O-, -S-, $-CH_2-$, $-SCH_2-$, $-CH_2S-$, -CH(OH), -C(O)-, $-CX^a_2$, $-CX^aH-$, $-CH_2O-$ and $-OCH_2-$, and X^a is halogen.

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5. (Amended) A compound of claim 4, wherein

B is phenyl, naphthyl, a 5-6 membered monocyclic heteroaryl group having 1-4 hetero atoms independently selected from the group consisting of O, S and N or a 8-10 member bicyclic heteroaryl groups having 1-4 hetero atoms independently selected from the group consisting of O, S and N;

~~Ar~~ L^1 is selected from the group consisting of phenyl, pyridinyl, naphthyl, pyrimidinyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, imidazolinyl and benzothiazolyl, unsubstituted or substituted by halogen, up to per-halo substitution, and

Z and X are independently selected from the group consisting of $-R^6$, $-OR^6$ and $-NHR^7$, wherein R^6 is hydrogen, C_1-C_{10}-alkyl or C_3-C_{10}-cycloalkyl and R^7 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_3-C_{10}-alkyl, C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl and C_6-C_{10}-aryl, wherein R^6 and R^7 can be substituted by halogen ~~or~~ up to per-halosubstitution.

6. (Original) A compound of claim 1, wherein R^1 is t-butyl and R^2 is unsubstituted or substituted phenyl.

7. (Amended) A compound of claim 4, wherein B is of the formula,

$$-L-M-L^1-Z_{n1}$$
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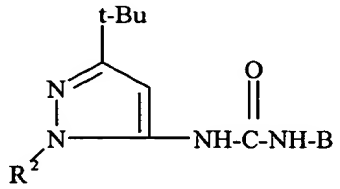
$$X_{0-2}$$

wherein L is phenyl, or a six membered aromatic structure containing 1 or 2 nitrogen atoms, ~~Ar~~ $\underline{L^1}$ is phenyl or pyridinyl, ~~Y~~ M is –O-, -S- or $-CH_2-$, and X and Z are independently Cl, F, NO_2 or CF_3.

8. (Original) A compound of claim 7, wherein R^1 is t-butyl.

9. (Original) A compound of claim 1 of the formula



wherein B and R^2 are as defined in claim 1.

10. (Original) A compound of claim 9, wherein R^2 is selected from substituted and unsubstituted members of the group consisting of phenyl and pyridinyl, wherein if R^2 is a substituted group, it is substituted by one or more of the substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen and W_n, wherein n = 0-3, and W is selected from the group consisting of -NO_2, -C_1-$_3$ alkyl, -$NH(O)CH_3$, -CF_3, -OCH_3, -F, -Cl, -NH_2,-SO_2CH_3, pyridinyl, phenyl, up to per-halosubstituted phenyl and C_1-C_6 alkyl substituted phenyl.

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12. Cancelled

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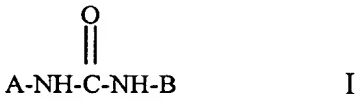
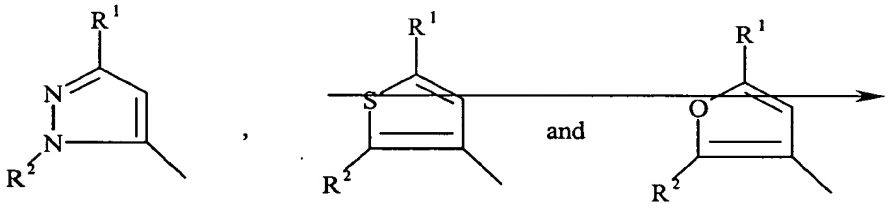
15. (Amended) A method for the treatment of disease mediated by raf kinase, comprising administering an effective amount of a compound of formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof to a host in need thereof:



A-NH-C-NH-B I

wherein A is ~~a heteroaryl selected from the group consisting of~~



wherein R^1 is ~~selected from the group consisting of~~ C_3-C_{10} alkyl, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, up to per-halosubstituted C_1-C_{10} alkyl ~~and~~ or up to per-halosubstituted C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl;

B is a substituted or unsubstituted, up to tricyclic, aryl or heteroaryl moiety of up to 30 carbon atoms with at least one 5- or 6-member aromatic structure containing 0-4 members of the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur, wherein if B is a substituted group, it is substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, up to per-halosubstitution, and X_n,

wherein n is 0-3 and each X is independently selected from the group consisting of –CN, CO_2R^5, $-C(O)NR^5R^{5'}$, $-C(O)R^5$, $-NO_2$, $-OR^5$, $-SR^5$, $-NR^5R^{5'}$, $-NR^5C(O)OR^{5'}$, $-NR^5C(O)R^{5'}$, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_{2-10}-alkenyl, C_{1-10}-alkoxy, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, C_6-C_{14} aryl, C_7-C_{24} alkaryl, C_3-C_{13} heteroaryl, C_4-C_{23} alkheteroaryl, substituted C_1-C_{10} alkyl, substituted C_{2-10}-alkenyl, substituted C_{1-10}-alkoxy, substituted C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, up to per-halosubstituted C_6-C_{14} aryl, up to per-halosubstituted C_3-C_{13} heteroaryl, substituted C_4-C_{23} alkheteroaryl and ~~-Y-Ar-~~M-L^1;

where X is a substituted group, it is substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of –CN, $-CO_2R^5$, $-C(O)R^5$, $-C(O)NR^5R^{5'}$, $-OR^5$, $-SR^5$, $-NR^5R^{5'}$, $-NO_2$, $-NR^5C(O)R^{5'}$, $-NR^5C(O)OR^{5'}$ and halogen up to per-halosubstitution;

wherein R^5 and $R^{5'}$ are independently selected from H, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_{2-10}-alkenyl, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, C_6-C_{14} aryl, C_3-C_{13} heteroaryl, C_7-C_{24} alkaryl, C_4-C_{23} alkheteroaryl, up to per-halosubstituted C_1-C_{10} alkyl, up to per-halosubstituted C_{2-10}-alkenyl, up to per-halosubstituted C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, up to per-halosubstituted C_6-C_{14} aryl and up to per-halosubstituted C_3-C_{13} heteroaryl,

wherein ~~Y~~ M is - O-, -S-, $-N(R^5)-$, $-(CH_2)-_m$, -C(O)-, -CH(OH)-, $-(CH_2)_mO-$, $-(CH_2)_mS-$, $-(CH_2)_mN(R^5)-$, $-O(CH_2)_m-$, $-CHX^a-$, $-CX^a{}_2-$, $-S-(CH_2)_m-$ ~~and~~ or $-N(R^5)(CH_2)_m-$,

m = 1-3, and X^a is halogen; and

~~Ar~~ L^1 is a 5- or 6-member aromatic structure containing 0-2 members of the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur atoms which is unsubstituted or substituted by halogen up to per-halosubstitution and optionally substituted by Z_{n1}, wherein n1 is 0 to 3 and each Z is independently ~~selected from the group consisting of~~ –CN, $-C(O)R^5$, $-CO_2R^5$, $-C(O)NR^5R^{5'}$, $-C(O)NR^5$, $-NO_2$, $-OR^5$, $-SR^5$, $-NR^5R^{5'}$, $-NR^5C(O)OR^{5'}$, $-NR^5C(O)R^{5'}$, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, C_6-C_{14} aryl, C_3-C_{13} heteroaryl, C_7-C_{24} alkaryl, C_4-C_{23} alkheteroaryl, substituted C_1-C_{10} alkyl, substituted C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, substituted C_7-C_{24} alkaryl ~~and~~ or substituted C_4-C_{23} alkheteroaryl;

wherein if Z is a substituted group, it is substituted by the one or more substituents

independently selected from the group consisting of –CN, $-CO_2R^5$, $-C(O)NR^5R^{5'}$, $-OR^5$, $-SR^5$, $-NO_2$, $-NR^5R^{5'}$, $-NR^5C(O)R^{5'}$ and $-NR^5C(O)OR^{5'}$, and

wherein R^2 is C_6-C_{14} aryl, C_3-C_{14} heteroaryl, substituted C_6-C_{14} aryl or substituted C_3-C_{14} heteroaryl,

wherein if R^2 is a substituted group, it is substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, up to per-halosubstitution, and V_n,

wherein n = 0-3 and each V is independently selected from the group consisting of -CN, $-CO_2R^5$, $-C(O)NR^5R^{5'}$, $-OR^5$, $-SR^5$, $-NR^5R^{5'}$, $-OC(O)NR^5R^{5'}$, $-NR^5C(O)OR^{5'}$, $-NR^5C(O)OR^{5'}$, $-SO_2R^5$, $-SOR^5$, $-NR^5C(O)R^{5'}$, $-NO_2$, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, C_6-C_{14} aryl, C_3-C_{13} heteroaryl, C_7-C_{24} alkaryl, C_4-C_{24} alkheteroaryl, substituted C_1-C_{10} alkyl, substituted C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, substituted C_6-C_{14} aryl, substituted C_3-C_{13} heteroaryl, substituted C_7-C_{24} alkaryl and substituted C_4-C_{24} alkheteroaryl,

where V is a substituted group, it is substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, up to per-halosubstitution, -CN, $-CO_2R^5$, $-C(O)R^5$, $-C(O)NR^5R^5$, $-NR^5R^{5'}$, $-OR^5$, $-SR^5$, $-NR^5C(O)R^{5'}$, $-NR^5C(O)OR^{5'}$ and $-NO_2$,

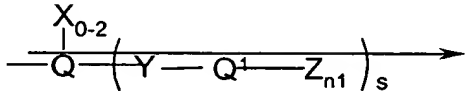
wherein R^5 and $R^{5'}$ are each independently as defined above.

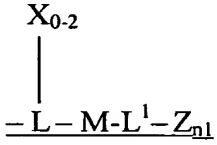
16. (Original) A method as in claim 15, wherein R^2 is selected from substituted or unsubstituted members of the group consisting of phenyl and pyridinyl, and the substituents for R^2 are selected from the group consisting of halogen, up to per-halosubstitution and V_n, wherein n = 0-3, and each V is independently selected from the group consisting of substituted and unsubstituted C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, C_6-C_{10} aryl, $-NO_2$, $-NH_2$, $-C(O)$-C_{1-6} alkyl, $-C(O)N$-$(C_{1-6}$ alkyl$)_2$, $-C(O)NH$-C_{1-6} alkyl, $-O$-C_{1-6} alkyl, -NHC(O)H, -NHC(O)OH, $-N(C_{1-6}$ alkyl$)C(O)$-C_{1-6} alkyl, $-N$-$(C_{1-6}$ alkyl$)C(O)$-C_{1-6} alkyl, $-NHC(O)$-C_{1-6}alkyl, $-NHC(O)O$-C_{1-6} alkyl, $-S(O)$-C_{1-6} alkyl and $-SO_2$-C_{1-6} alkyl, wherein if V is a substituted group, it is substituted by one or more

halogen, up to per-halosubstitution.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Amended) A method of claim 15, wherein B is





wherein

~~Y~~ M is selected from the group consisting of –O-, -S-, $-CH_2-$, $-SCH_2-$, $-CH_2S-$, -CH(OH)-, -C(O)-, $-CX^a_2$, $-CX^aH-$, $-CH_2O-$ and $-OCH_2-$,

X^a is halogen,

~~Q~~ L is a six member aromatic structure containing 0–2 nitrogen, unsubstituted or substituted by halogen, up to per-halosubstitution;

~~Q^1~~ L^1 is a mono- or bicyclic aromatic structure of 5-10 members with 3 to 10 carbon atoms and 0-2 members of the group consisting of N, O and S, unsubstituted or substituted by halogen up to per-halosubstitution,

X, Z, and n1 are as defined in claim 15.

19. (Amended) A method as in claim 18, wherein

~~Q~~ L is phenyl or pyridinyl, unsubstituted or substituted by halogen, up to per-halosubstitution,

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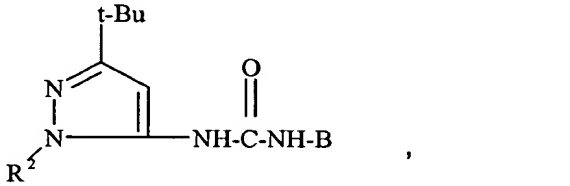
~~Q~~^{1} L^1 is selected from the group consisting of phenyl, pyridinyl, naphthyl, pyrimidinyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, imidazolinyl and benzothiazolyl, substituted or unsubstituted by halogen, up to per-halo substitution, and

Z and X are independently selected from the group consisting of $-R^6$, $-OR^6$ and $-NHR^7$, wherein R^6 is hydrogen, C_1-C_{10}-alkyl or C_3-C_{10}-cycloalkyl and R^7 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_3-C_{10}-alkyl, C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl and C_6-C_{10}-aryl, wherein R^6 and R^7 can be substituted by halogen or up to per-halosubstitution.

20. (Amended) A method as in claim 18, wherein ~~Q~~ L is phenyl, ~~Q~~^{1} L^1 is phenyl or pyridinyl, ~~Y~~ M is –O-, -S- or $-CH_2-$, and X and Z are independently Cl, F, NO_2 or CF_3.

21. (Amended) A method as in claim 15, which comprises administering a compound of ~~one of~~ the ~~formulae~~ formula



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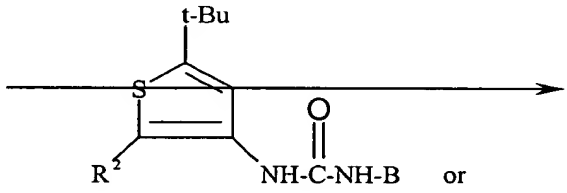

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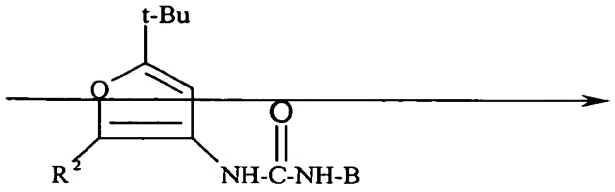

wherein B and R^2 are as defined in claim 15.

22. (Original) A method as in claim 21, wherein R^2 is selected from substituted and unsubstituted members of the group consisting of phenyl or pyridinyl, wherein if R^2 is a substituted group, it is substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen and W_n, wherein n = 0-3, and W is selected from the group consisting of $-NO_2$, $-C_{1-3}$ alkyl, $-NH(O)CH_3$, $-CF_3$, $-OCH_3$, -F, -Cl, $-NH_2$, $-SO_2CH_3$, pyridinyl, phenyl, up to per-halosubstituted phenyl and C_1-C_6 alkyl substituted phenyl.

23. (Previously amended) A method as in claim 15, comprising administering an amount of compound of formula I effective to inhibit raf kinase.

24. (Previously amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

25. (Previously amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound of claim 2 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

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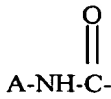
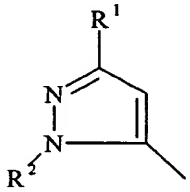
26. (New) A method for treating a solid cancer, melanoma or adenoma, comprising administering an effective amount of a compound of formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof to a host in need thereof:



A-NH-C-NH-B I

wherein A is



wherein R^1 is selected from the group consisting of C_3-C_{10} alkyl, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, up to per-halosubstituted C_1-C_{10} alkyl and up to per-halosubstituted C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl;

B is a substituted or unsubstituted, up to tricyclic, aryl or heteroaryl moiety of up to 30 carbon atoms with at least one 5- or 6-member aromatic structure containing 0-4 members of the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur, wherein if B is a substituted group, it is substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, up to per-halosubstitution, and X_n,

wherein n is 0-3 and each X is independently selected from the group consisting of –CN, CO_2R^5, -$C(O)NR^5R^{5'}$, -$C(O)R^5$, -NO_2, -OR^5, - SR^5, - $NR^5R^{5'}$, -$NR^5C(O)OR^{5'}$, -$NR^5C(O)R^{5'}$, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_{2-10}-alkenyl, C_{1-10}-alkoxy, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, C_6-C_{14} aryl, C_7-C_{24} alkaryl, C_3-C_{13} heteroaryl, C_4-C_{23} alkheteroaryl, substituted C_1-C_{10} alkyl, substituted C_{2-10}-alkenyl, substituted C_{1-10}-alkoxy, substituted C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, up to per-halosubstituted C_6-C_{14} aryl, up to per-halosubstituted C_3-C_{13} heteroaryl substituted C_4-C_{23} alkheteroaryl and M-L^1;

where X is a substituted group, it is substituted by one or more substituents independently

selected from the group consisting of –CN, $-CO_2R^5$, $-C(O)R^5$, $-C(O)NR^5R^{5'}$, $-OR^5$, $-SR^5$, $-NR^5R^{5'}$, $-NO_2$, $-NR^5C(O)R^{5'}$, $-NR^5C(O)OR^{5'}$ and halogen up to per-halosubstitution;

wherein R^5 and $R^{5'}$ are independently selected from H, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_{2-10}-alkenyl, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, C_6-C_{14} aryl, C_3-C_{13} heteroaryl, C_7-C_{24} alkaryl, C_4-C_{23} alkheteroaryl, up to per-halosubstituted C_1-C_{10} alkyl, up to per-halosubstituted C_{2-10}-alkenyl ,up to per-halosubstituted C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, up to per-halosubstituted C_6-C_{14} aryl and up to per-halosubstituted C_3-C_{13} heteroaryl,

wherein M is - O-, -S-, $-N(R^5)$-,
$-(CH_2)_m$-, -C(O)-, -CH(OH)-, $-(CH_2)_mO$-, $-(CH_2)_mS$-, $-(CH_2)_mN(R^5)$-, $-O(CH_2)_m$-,
$-CHX^a$-, $-CX^a_2$-, $-S-(CH_2)_m$- or $-N(R^5)(CH_2)_m$-,

m = 1-3, and X^a is halogen; and

L^1 is a 5- or 6-member aromatic structure containing 0-2 members of the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur atoms which is unsubstituted or substituted by halogen up to per-halosubstitution and optionally substituted by Z_{n1}, wherein n1 is 0 to 3 and each Z is independently –CN, $-C(O)R^5$, $-CO_2R^5$, $-C(O)NR^5R^{5'}$, $-C(O)NR^5$, $-NO_2$, $-OR^5$, $-SR^5$, $-NR^5R^{5'}$, $-NR^5C(O)OR^{5'}$, $-NR^5C(O)R^{5'}$, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, C_6-C_{14} aryl, C_3-C_{13} heteroaryl, C_7-C_{24} alkaryl, C_4-C_{23} alkheteroaryl, substituted C_1-C_{10} alkyl, substituted C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, substituted C_7-C_{24} alkaryl ~~and~~ or substituted C_4-C_{23} alkheteroaryl;

wherein if Z is a substituted group, it is substituted by the one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of –CN, $-CO_2R^5$, $-C(O)NR^5R^{5'}$, $-OR^5$, $-SR^5$, $-NO_2$, $-NR^5R^{5'}$, $-NR^5C(O)R^{5'}$ and $-NR^5C(O)OR^{5'}$, and

wherein R^2 is C_6-C_{14} aryl, C_3-C_{14} heteroaryl, substituted C_6-C_{14} aryl or substituted C_3-C_{14} heteroaryl,

wherein if R^2 is a substituted group, it is substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, up to per-halosubstitution, and V_n,

wherein n = 0-3 and each V is independently selected from the group consisting of -CN, -CO_2R^5, -$C(O)NR^5R^{5'}$, -OR^5, -SR^5, -$NR^5R^{5'}$, -$OC(O)NR^5R^{5'}$, -$NR^5C(O)OR^{5'}$, -$NR^5C(O)OR^{5'}$, -SO_2R^5, -SOR^5, -$NR^5C(O)R^{5'}$, -NO_2, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, C_6-C_{14} aryl, C_3-C_{13} heteroaryl, C_7-C_{24} alkaryl, C_4-C_{24} alkheteroaryl, substituted C_1-C_{10} alkyl, substituted C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, substituted C_6-C_{14} aryl, substituted C_3-C_{13} heteroaryl, substituted C_7-C_{24} alkaryl and substituted C_4-C_{24} alkheteroaryl,

where V is a substituted group, it is substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, up to per-halosubstitution, -CN, -CO_2R^5, -$C(O)R^5$, -$C(O)NR^5R^5$, -$NR^5R^{5'}$, -OR^5, -SR^5, -$NR^5C(O)R^{5'}$, -$NR^5C(O)OR^{5'}$ and -NO_2,

wherein R^5 and $R^{5'}$ are each independently as defined above.

27. (New) A method as in claim 26, wherein the compound of formula I displays IC50s between 10nM and 10μM as determined by an in-vitro raf kinase assay.

28. (New) A method according to claim 26, wherein the disease is a cancer dependent upon the raf protein signal transduction cascade and is treated by inhibiting raf kinase.

29. (New) A method according to claim 26, wherein the solid cancer is a carcinoma of the lungs, pancreas, thyroid, bladder or colon.

30. (New) A compound of formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof

I

wherein A is

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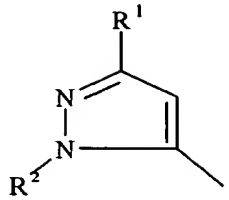

wherein R^1 is C_3-C_{10} alkyl, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, up to per-halosubstituted C_1-C_{10} alkyl or up to per-halosubstituted C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl;

B is phenyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, naphthyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, phthalimidinyl, furyl, thienyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, benzofuryl, benzothienyl, indolyl, benzopyrazolyl, benzoxazolyl, benzisoxazolyl, benzothiazolyl or benzisothiazolyl substituted by -M-L^1; and is optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, up to per-halosubstitution, and X_n,

wherein n is 0-2 and each X is independently selected from the group consisting of –CN, $-CO_2R^5$, $-C(O)NR^5R^{5'}$, $-C(O)R^5$, $-NO_2$, $-OR^5$, $-SR^5$, $-NR^5R^{5'}$, $-NR^5C(O)OR^{5'}$, $-NR^5C(O)R^{5'}$, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_2-C_{10} alkenyl, C_1-C_{10} alkoxy, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, C_6-C_{14} aryl, C_7-C_{24} alkaryl, C_3-C_{13} heteroaryl, C_4-C_{23} alkheteroaryl, substituted C_1-C_{10} alkyl, substituted C_2-C_{10} alkenyl, substituted C_1-C_{10} alkoxyl, substituted C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl , up to per-halosubstituted C_6 -C_{14} aryl, up to per-halosubstituted C_3-C_{13} heteroaryl and substituted C_4-C_{23} alkheteroaryl and -M-L^1;

where X is a substituted group, it is substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of –CN, $-CO_2R^5$, $-C(O)R^5$, $-C(O)NR^5R^{5'}$, $-OR^5$, $-SR^5$, $-NR^5R^{5'}$, $-NO_2$, $-NR^5C(O)R^{5'}$, $-NR^5C(O)OR^{5'}$ and halogen up to per-halosubstitution;

wherein R^5 and $R^{5'}$ are independently selected from H, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_2-C_{10}_alkenyl, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, C_6-C_{14} aryl, C_3-C_{13} heteroaryl, C_7-C_{24} alkaryl, C_4-C_{23} alkheteroaryl, up to per-halosubstituted C_1-C_{10} alkyl, up to per-halosubstituted C_2-C_{10}_alkenyl, up to per-halosubstituted

C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, up to per-halosubstituted C_6-C_{14} aryl and up to per-halosubstituted C_3-C_{13} heteroaryl,

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wherein M is -O-, -S-, -N(R^5)-, -(CH_2)-$_m$, -C(O)-, -CH(OH)-, -(CH_2)$_m$O-, -NR^5C(O)NR^5R$^{5'}$-, -NR^5C(O)-, -C(O)NR^5, -O(CH_2)$_m$-, -(CH_2)$_m$S-, -(CH_2)$_m$N(R^5)-, -O(CH_2)$_m$-, -CHX^a-, -CX^a_2-, -S-(CH_2)$_m$- or -N(R^5)(CH_2)$_m$-,

m = 1-3, and X^a is halogen; and

L^1 is phenyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, naphthyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, phthalimidinyl, furyl, thienyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, benzofuryl, benzothienyl, indolyl, benzopyrazolyl, benzoxazolyl, benzisoxazolyl, benzothiazolyl or benzisothiazolyl, optionally substituted by halogen up to per-halosubstitution and optionally substituted by Z_{n1},

wherein n1 is 0 to 3 and each Z is independently –CN, -CO_2R^5, -C(O)NR^5R$^{5'}$, -C(O)NR^5, -NO_2, -OR^5, -SR^5, -NR^5R$^{5'}$, -NR^5C(O)O$R^{5'}$, -C(O)R^5, NR^5C(O)$R^{5'}$, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, C_6-C_{14} aryl, C_3-C_{13} heteroaryl, C_7-C_{24} alkaryl, C_4-C_{23} alkheteroaryl, substituted C_1-C_{10} alkyl, substituted C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, substituted C_7-C_{24} alkaryl or substituted C_4-C_{23} alkheteroaryl;

wherein if Z is a substituted group, it is substituted by the one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of –CN, -CO_2R^5, -C(O)NR^5R$^{5'}$, -OR^5, -SR^5, -NO_2, -NR^5R$^{5'}$, -NR^5C(O)$R^{5'}$ and -NR^5C(O)O$R^{5'}$, and

wherein R^2 is optionally substituted phenyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, naphthyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, phthalimidinyl, furyl, thienyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, benzofuryl, benzothienyl, indolyl, benzopyrazolyl, benzoxazolyl, benzisoxazolyl, benzothiazolyl or benzisothiazolyl, wherein if R^2 is a substituted group, it is substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, up to per-halosubstitution, and V_n,

wherein n = 0-3 and each V is independently selected from the group consisting of -CN, -

CO_2R^5, $-C(O)NR^5R^{5'}$, $-OR^5$, $-SR^5$, $-NR^5R^{5'}$, $-C(O)R^5$, $-OC(O)NR^5R^{5'}$, $-NR^5C(O)OR^{5'}$, $-SO_2R^5$, $-SOR^5$, $-NR^5C(O)R^{5'}$, $-NO_2$, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, C_6-C_{14} aryl, C_3-C_{13} heteroaryl, C_7-C_{24} alkaryl, C_4-C_{24} alkheteroaryl, substituted C_1-C_{10} alkyl, substituted C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, substituted C_6-C_{14} aryl, substituted C_3-C_{13} heteroaryl, substituted C_7-C_{24} alkaryl and substituted C_4-C_{24} alkheteroaryl,

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where if V is a substituted group, it is substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, up to per-halosubstitution, -CN, $-CO_2R^5$, $-C(O)R^5$, $-C(O)NR^5R^5$, $-NR^5R^{5'}$, $-OR^5$, $-SR^5$, $-NR^5C(O)R^{5'}$, $-NR^5C(O)OR^{5'}$ and $-NO_2$;

wherein R^5 and $R^{5'}$ are each independently as defined above.

31. (New) A compound as in claim 30 wherein R^2 is phenyl, substituted phenyl, pyridinyl or substituted pyridinyl, L^1 is phenyl or pyridinyl, M is -O-, -S- or $-CH_2$, X and Z are independently Cl, F, CF_3, NO_2 or CN, and R^1 is t-butyl.

32. (New) A compound as in claim 1 wherein B is optionally substituted diphenyl ether, diphenyl thioether, diphenyl amine, phenylpyridinyl ether, pyridinylmethylphenyl, phenylpyridinylthioether, phenylbenzothiazolyl ether, phenylbenzothiazolyl thioether, phenylpyrimidinyl ether, phenylquinoline thioether, phenylnaphthyl ether, pyridinylnapthyl ether, pyridinylnaphthyl thioether, and phthalimidylmethylphenyl and R^2 is phenyl, substituted phenyl, pyridinyl or substituted pyridinyl.

33. (New) A compound of formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof

A-NH-C-NH-B I

wherein A is

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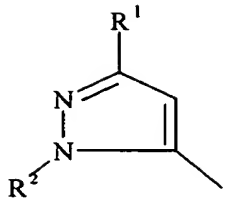

wherein R^1 is C_3-C_{10} alkyl, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, up to per-halosubstituted C_1-C_{10} alkyl or up to per-halosubstituted C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl;

B is phenyl, pyridinyl, naphthyl, quinolinyl or isoquinolinyl, substituted by -M-L^1; and is optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, up to per-halosubstitution, and X_n,

wherein n is 0-2 and each X is independently selected from the group consisting of –CN, $-CO_2R^5$, $-C(O)NR^5R^{5'}$, $-C(O)R^5$, $-NO_2$, $-OR^5$, $-SR^5$, $-NR^5R^{5'}$, $-NR^5C(O)OR^{5'}$, $-NR^5C(O)R^{5'}$, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_2-C_{10} alkenyl, C_1-C_{10} alkoxy, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, C_6-C_{14} aryl, C_7-C_{24} alkaryl, C_3-C_{13} heteroaryl, C_4-C_{23} alkheteroaryl, substituted C_1-C_{10} alkyl, substituted C_2-C_{10} alkenyl, substituted C_1-C_{10} alkoxyl, substituted C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, up to per-halosubstituted C_6 -C_{14} aryl, up to per-halosubstituted C_3-C_{13} heteroaryl and substituted C_4-C_{23} alkheteroaryl and -M-L^1;

where X is a substituted group, it is substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of –CN, $-CO_2R^5$, $-C(O)R^5$, $-C(O)NR^5R^{5'}$, $-OR^5$, $-SR^5$, $-NR^5R^{5'}$, $-NO_2$, $-NR^5C(O)R^{5'}$, $-NR^5C(O)OR^{5'}$ and halogen up to per-halosubstitution;

wherein R^5 and $R^{5'}$ are independently selected from H, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_2-C_{10}_alkenyl, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, C_6-C_{14} aryl, C_3-C_{13} heteroaryl, C_7-C_{24} alkaryl, C_4-C_{23} alkheteroaryl, up to per-halosubstituted C_1-C_{10} alkyl, up to per-halosubstituted C_2-C_{10}_alkenyl, up to per-halosubstituted C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, up to per-halosubstituted C_6-C_{14} aryl and up to per-halosubstituted C_3-C_{13} heteroaryl,

wherein M is -O-, -S-, $-N(R^5)$-, $-(CH_2)_m$-, -C(O)-, -CH(OH)-, $-(CH_2)_mO$-, $-NR^5C(O)NR^5R^{5'}$-, $-NR^5C(O)$-, $-C(O)NR^5$, $-O(CH_2)_m$-, $-(CH_2)_mS$-, $-(CH_2)_mN(R^5)$-,

$-O(CH_2)_m-$, $-CHX^a-$, $-CX^a_2-$, $-S-(CH_2)_m-$ or $-N(R^5)(CH_2)_m-$,

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L^1 is phenyl, pyridinyl, naphthyl, quinolinyl or isoquinolinyl, optionally substituted by halogen up to per-halosubstitution and optionally substituted by Z_{n1},

wherein n1 is 0 to 3 and each Z is independently –CN, $-CO_2R^5$, $-C(O)NR^5R^{5'}$, $-C(O)NR^5$, $-NO_2$, $-OR^5$, $-SR^5$, $-NR^5R^{5'}$, $-NR^5C(O)OR^{5'}$, $-C(O)R^5$, $NR^5C(O)R^{5'}$, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, C_6-C_{14} aryl, C_3-C_{13} heteroaryl, C_7-C_{24} alkaryl, C_4-C_{23} alkheteroaryl, substituted C_1-C_{10} alkyl, substituted C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, substituted C_7-C_{24} alkaryl ~~and~~ or substituted C_4-C_{23} alkheteroaryl;

wherein if Z is a substituted group, it is substituted by the one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of –CN, $-CO_2R^5$, $-C(O)NR^5R^{5'}$, $-OR^5$, $-SR^5$, $-NO_2$, $-NR^5R^{5'}$, $-NR^5C(O)R^{5'}$ and $-NR^5C(O)OR^{5'}$, and

wherein R^2 is unsubstituted phenyl, unsubstituted pyridinyl, substituted phenyl or substituted pyridinyl

wherein if R^2 is a substituted group, it is substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, up to per-halosubstitution, and V_n,

wherein n = 0-3 and each V is independently selected from the group consisting of -CN, $-CO_2R^5$, $-C(O)NR^5R^{5'}$, $-OR^5$, $-SR^5$, $-NR^5R^{5'}$, $-C(O)R^5$, $-OC(O)NR^5R^{5'}$, $-NR^5C(O)OR^{5'}$, $-SO_2R^5$, $-SOR^5$, $-NR^5C(O)R^{5'}$, $-NO_2$, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, C_6-C_{14} aryl, C_3-C_{13} heteroaryl, C_7-C_{24} alkaryl, C_4-C_{24} alkheteroaryl, substituted C_1-C_{10} alkyl, substituted C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, substituted C_6-C_{14} aryl, substituted C_3-C_{13} heteroaryl, substituted C_7-C_{24} alkaryl and substituted C_4-C_{24} alkheteroaryl,

where if V is a substituted group, it is substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, up to per-halosubstitution, -CN, $-CO_2R^5$, $-C(O)R^5$, $-C(O)NR^5R^5$, $-NR^5R^{5'}$, $-OR^5$, $-SR^5$, $-NR^5C(O)R^{5'}$, $-NR^5C(O)OR^{5'}$ and $-NO_2$;

wherein R^5 and $R^{5'}$ are each independently as defined above.

34. (New) A compound of claim 33 wherein one of the following combinations is satisfied:

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R^2= unsubstituted phenyl, B=phenyl and L^1 is phenyl, naphthyl, pyridinyl, quinolinyl or isoquinolinyl,

R^2= unsubstituted phenyl, B=pyridinyl and L^1 is phenyl, naphthyl, pyridinyl, quinolinyl or isoquinolinyl,

R^2= unsubstituted phenyl, B = naphthyl and L^1 is phenyl, naphthyl, pyridinyl, quinolinyl or isoquinolinyl,

R^2= unsubstituted pyridinyl, B= phenyl and L^1 is phenyl, naphthyl, pyridinyl, quinolinyl or isoquinolinyl,

R^2= unsubstituted pyridinyl, B= pyridinyl and L^1 is phenyl, naphthyl, pyridinyl, quinolinyl or isoquinolinyl,

R^2= unsubstituted pyridinyl, B= naphthyl and $L^1$is phenyl, naphthyl, pyridinyl, quinolinyl or isoquinolinyl,

R^2= substituted phenyl, B=phenyl and L^1 is phenyl, naphthyl, pyridinyl, quinolinyl or isoquinolinyl,

R^2= substituted phenyl, B=pyridinyl and L^1 is phenyl, naphthyl, pyridinyl, quinolinyl or isoquinolinyl,

R^2= substituted phenyl, B = naphthyl and L^1 is phenyl, naphthyl, pyridinyl, quinolinyl or isoquinolinyl,

R^2= substituted pyridinyl, B= phenyl and L^1 is phenyl, naphthyl, pyridinyl, quinolinyl or isoquinolinyl,

R^2= substituted pyridinyl, B= pyridinyl and L^1 is phenyl, naphthyl, pyridinyl, quinolinyl or isoquinolinyl, or

R^2= substituted pyridinyl, B= naphthyl and $L^1$is phenyl, naphthyl, pyridinyl, quinolinyl or

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isoquinolinyl.